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RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Payne	X			
Osman	X			
Chughtai	X			
Wonsley	X			
Rainville	X			
Vetaw	X			
Warren	X			
Shaffer	X			
Stevenson	X			
Chavez	X			
Whiting	X			
Chowdhury	X			
Palmisano	X			

MAYOR ACTION

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ATTEST:

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Presented to Mayor: MAY 08 2026

Received from Mayor: MAY 14 2026

Pursuant to City Charter Section 7.1(h)(2), the Minneapolis City Council, in support of its official legislative, policymaking, and oversight functions, does hereby request from the Mayor the following information and data:

1. Information related to the evaluation, design, and potential implementation of a pilot program utilizing unmanned aerial systems (drones) as first responders to certain 911 priority calls. This report should include information on:
  1. What types of 911 priority calls may be appropriate for response utilizing drones as first responders;
  2. How quickly drone technology may be able to respond to certain 911 priority calls;
  3. What the potential benefits of utilizing drones as first responders may be for both City staff and residents;
  4. What privacy, data practices, and civil liberties considerations are associated with utilizing this technology;

5. What data retention policies are currently in place, or would need to be adopted, to ensure appropriate, ethical, and lawful use of such a program;
  6. How other jurisdictions are utilizing this technology, including what safeguards, oversight mechanisms, or community engagement practices have been implemented;
2. Information related to potential next steps the City Council and administration would need to consider should a drones-as-first-responder pilot be evaluated under the City's Surveillance Ordinance process.

The requested information and data shall be presented to the Public Health, Safety & Equity Committee on May 13, 2026, and shall be provided in report format and made publicly available via the City of Minneapolis Legislative Information Management System (LIMS).